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SUBJ: UPDATE: HOSPITAL CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT
NEEDS IN HONDURAS

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1. FOLLOWING INFORMATION ADDS TO PREVIOUS REPORTING:

2. UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL (TEGUCIGALPA): PROPOSALS FROM THREE COMPANIES, INCLUDING SAM P. WALLACE, WERE OPENED FEBRUARY 19 WITH THE LOWEST BID AT ABOUT \$8 MILLION, WELL OVER THE AMOUNT CONTEMPLATED BY THE GOH AND IDB FOR CONSTRUCTION. ADJUDICATING COMMITTEE SET UP TO STUDY THE PROPOSALS AND EXAMINE WAYS TO MAKE PROJECT MORE ECONOMICAL. ON MARCH 20 COMMITTEE AWARDED CONSTRUCTION TO LOCAL FIRM OF WILLIAMS MONCADA Y ASOCIADOS AT A COST OF ABOUT \$6.3 MILLION (WILLIAMS MONCADA HAD MADE THE LOWEST OFFER IN THE ORIGINAL BIDDING). HOSPITAL TO HAVE 386 BEDS; 900 DAYS FOR CONSTRUCTION WHICH IS TO BEGIN 4/1/74. SPECIFICATIONS ON EQUIPMENT WHICH IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE CONSTRUCTION PHASE ARE STILL IN PREPARATION.

3. HOSPITAL LEONARDO MARTINEZ (SAN PEDRO SULA): MINISTRY OF HEALTH HAS RECEIVED \$250,000 FOR ARCHITECTURAL STUDIES AND DESIGN OF THE NEW HOSPITAL. LOCAL FIRM OF CASTILLO Y POUJOL HAS BEEN CONTRACTED
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TO DO THE DESIGN. ACCORDING TO THE ARCHITECT THE

NEW HOSPITAL WILL HAVE BETWEEN 300-350 BEDS AND HE ANTICIPATES THAT CONSTRUCTION WILL BE UNDERTAKEN IN SEVERAL STAGES SPREAD OVER SEVERAL YEARS BECAUSE OF THE SCARCITY OF THE MINISTRY'S FINANCIAL RESOURCES. IT IS HOPED THAT THE ARCHITECTURAL DESIGNS WILL BE READY IN NOVEMBER. NO FURTHER DETAILS AVAILABLE AT PRESENT.

4. SOCIAL SECURITY INSTITUTE HOSPITAL (SAN PEDRO SULA): DIRECTOR OF THE INSTITUTE (IHSS) REPORTS THAT THE IHSS IS MAKING AN INTERNAL STUDY CONCERNING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A HOSPITAL IN SAN PEDRO SULA. THE STUDY WILL BE SENT TO THE MEXICAN INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL SECURITY FOR REVIEW AND SUGGESTIONS. NO INFORMATION ON SIZE, EQUIPMENT, ETC. WILL BE AVAILABLE UNTIL THE MEXICAN INSTITUTE RETURNS THE STUDY, PROBABLY IN JUNE OR JULY 1974. AT THAT TIME ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES WILL BE REQUIRED.
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